

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 08-05-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: May 19, 2008
Commission Meeting: May 20, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. **05/19/08 – 9:00 a.m.** – FCC 96-45 – Mid-Rivers Telephone Co-op – Petition for waiver of the study area boundary freeze – Discuss/act on draft PSC letter to FCC. (05/19/08)
2. **05/19/08 – 9:00 a.m.** - FCC – CC 96-45, WC 05-337 – Draft comments on long-term comprehensive high-cost universal service reform, reverse auctions and the identical support mechanism – Discuss/act on draft comments. (05/19/08)
3. N2008.5.47 – Southern Montana Telephone Co. – Petition for issuance of a protective order to protect compensation to top ten highest paid employees based in Montana – Consider and act on Southern's Petition. (05/20/08)
4. N2008.5.46 – Qwest Corporation – Petition for Protective Order to protect: (a) Annual Report schedule 23 (detailed compilation of number of customers purchasing the major types of service in each wire center, and (b) Schedule 27 (top 10 Montana-based employees' compensation). – Consider and act on Protective order request. (05/20/08)
5. D2008.5.48 – United Materials of Great Falls/Exergy Development Group – Petition to have PSC set terms and conditions of a QF contract with NWE – Discuss and act on request for an interim order. (05/20/08)
6. D2007.7.82 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates – Discuss and act on NWE's Motion for a Protective Order. (05/20/08)
7. Placeholder - D2008.3.27 – Joint Application of Energy West Inc. and Cut Bank Gas Co. for Approval of the Acquisition of Cut Bank Gas Co. by Energy West Inc. – Discuss and act on Energy West's objection to Ranck Oil, et al.'s data request. (05/20/08)
8. Placeholder – D2008.4.36 – Investigation of NorthWestern Corporation's Compliance with Order 6505e – Consider and act on Montana Consumer Counsel's Motion for an Order Compelling Production and for Related Relief. (05/20/08)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) D2008.5.44 (Justin)

On May 13, 2008, NWE filed a motion for protective order to govern disclosure of information to be provided in this docket, which is NWE's annual true-up of monthly natural gas cost changes, cost projections, and account balances. The information for which protection is requested includes detailed actual and forecast monthly gas costs, volumes, locations of delivery, supplier identifications, storage and transportation utilization, identification of suppliers in negotiations for sale of gas, the related costs, volumes, and locations of delivery associated with negotiations, and NWE's evaluations of the suppliers and supplies.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week